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SUBJECT: "PRG" REPRESENTATION IN FRANCE

REF: (A) STATE 109589 (B) PARIS 12533

1. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT CIRCULATE ALL DIPLO-
MATIC POSTS GIVING EXACT DETAILS OF FRENCH ACTION IN PERMITTING
"PRG" INFORMATION OFFICE IN FRANCE TO CHANGE ITS NAME TO
"PERMANENT MISSION" AS EXPLAINED IN REF B. IN OUR VIEW, THIS
ACTION NECESSARY TO EQUIP U.S. POSTS TO COUNTER COMMUNIST
CLAIMS THAT FRENCH ACTION IN SOME WAY CONSTITUTES FORM OF
RECOGNITION OF "PRG" BY GOF OR SETS A PRECEDENT JUSTIFYING
"PRG" REPRESENTATION IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS, SUCH AS UPCOMING
LUCERNE CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS. BELIEVE CIRCULAR SHOULD STRESS
THREE POINTS:

2. THE "PRG" HAS LONG HAD AN INFORMATION OFFICE IN PARIS.
CHANGE OF NAME TO "PERMANENT MISSION" DOES NOT REPEAT NOT
GRANT OR IMPLY DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION. PRESENCE OF "PRG"
OFFICE IN PARIS DUE TO UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT GOF HOSTED
PARIS NEGOTIATIONS ON VIETNAM AND THEREFORE NOT REPEAT NOT
PRECEDENT FOR ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

3. FRANCE RECOGNIZES ONLY "STATES", NOT GOVERNMENTS.

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FRANCE RECOGNIZES THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

4. FRANCE HAS NO REPEAT NO WISH TO SANCTION DIVISION OF SOUTH VIETNAM OR TO ENCOURAGE A "THIRD VIETNAM".

5. WE BELIEVE IT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO SEND CIRCULAR QUICKLY TO POSTS IN FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES WHERE FRENCH ACTION MOST LIKELY TO BE EXPLOITED BY "PRG" PROPAGANDISTS AS REASON FOR RECOGNIZING "PRG".

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